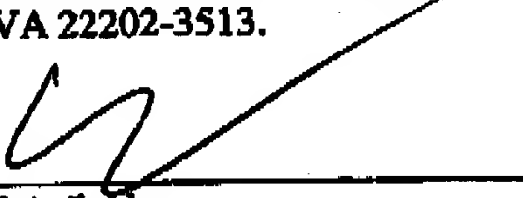


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

HONORABLE SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 25, 2004, having a one month response date of March 25, 2004, timely extended for one month through and including April 25, 2004,

Applicant respectfully submits the following:

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It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that are provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 20-0823.

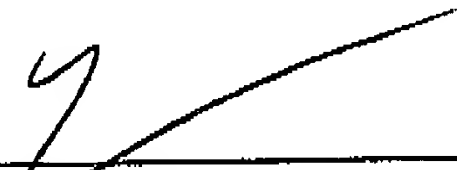
The Examiner issued a restriction to the following four groups:

- Group I - Claims 1-8, 11-26 (class 423, subclass 299);
- Group II - Claims 1, 9, 10, 19, 27, and 28 (class 426, subclass 641);
- Group III - Claims 29-36 (class 530, subclass 356);
- Group IV - Claims 29, 37-48 (class 426, 641).

The Examiner also stated that if either Group II or Group IV were elected, both groups would be examined at the same time.

At this time, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-8 and 11-26) without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,



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